

I wanted to follow up on my previous [update](#) regarding Operation Fast and Furious. The operation allowed Mexican drug trafficking organizations to obtain firearms, one of which was used to kill a U.S. Border Patrol agent. This week the acting director of the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms, and Explosives (ATF), Kenneth Melson, was dismissed and reassigned within the Justice Department. The appointment of a new ATF leader is a promising first step in restoring the agency after the ill-conceived operation. While I am pleased that the Justice Department has held a key manager of the program responsible, I continue to support the ongoing efforts of Congressman Darrell Issa and Senator Chuck Grassley to ensure that everyone involved in giving weapons to drug traffickers is held accountable and that such a serious lapse in judgment does not occur again.

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